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d d d. The Internal Surface of the Mitral Valve leading into the Left Ventricle.

e e e. The *Columnæ Caruæ*:

f f. Their Tendons.

g g. The Transverse Tendons which draw the Fleſhy Columns to each other when the Heart is in *Systole*.

IV. An Account of a Dropſical Body diſſected by Mr John Laſage.

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I Was called, ſome time ago, to open a Maiden Lady 52 years of age, who complain'd, about ſix weeks before, of a Circonſcript hard Swelling on the *Hypogaſtrica regio*, on the Right ſide ; from that time her Belly grew by degrees to an exorbitant bignefs, the great weight whereof was the moſt conſiderable Symptom, and at laſt ſuffocated the Lady. The Body was mightily emaciated, and the Legs ſwelled few days before her death.

I expected Water, but there was only a viſcuous darkiſh Humour, to the quantity of 18 Gallons ; after the evacuation of that matter, I was no leſs ſurprized to perceive a large heap of Veſicles ariſing from a thick Membrane covering the Guts, it being the *Peritoneum* ſeparated from the Muſcles: I took it out, to examine the better thoſe Veſicular Bodies diſpoſed on the outward ſurface of that Membrane, as alſo them that were on its inſide, towards the Guts. The Veſicles were of different magnitude ; ſome of the largeſt had been broken and ſunk, others were broken and almoſt empty, and the others very much diſtended and full ; the matter of all of them was of the

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same nature with the extravasated humours. What was contained in the lesser ones proved to be of different colour and consistence, not unlike Gelly, White of Eggs, Gall, and Honey; in some it was much like the humour of a true *Meliceris*.

I must observe, that there was but little matter extravasated in the Cavity of the *Abdomen*; most part was contained betwixt the *Peritoneum* and the Muscles.

The Right Kidney was effected with a particular Drop sic; all the *Viscera* besides were in a natural state, two *Polypus*'s were found in the Heart, and two pretty big Stones in the Gall Bladder.

An Account of a Book, By James Douglas, M. D.
 V. De Aure Humana Tractatus; In quo integra Auris Fabrica, multis novis Inventis, & Iconismis illustrata, describitur; omniumque ejus Partium Usus indagantur. Quibus interposita est Musculorum Uvulae, atque Pharyngis nova Descriptio, & Delineatio. Auctore Antonio Maria Valsalva Imolenfi, Philosophiae & Medicinae Doctore, in Bononiensi Universitate ad Incisionem & Osthensionem Anatomicam Professore Conducto, necnon Nosocomii Incurabilium Chirurgo. Bononiae MDCCIV. In Quarto.

THe Author divides the Humane Ear into three Cavities, viz. the External, which contains the Audicle, and the Auditory passage; The Middle, which com-